(SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) State Bank of India (SBI) has reported that its Saket Branch is located in residential area. The premises for Saket Branch were selected on the basis of its suitability. SBI has reported that it is paying a monthly rent of Rs. 13580 which includes the element of composition fee of Rs. 3880 payable to DDA. The entire branch furniture/fittings have been provided by the landlord for which Bank is paying Rs. 4941.50 towards hiring charges. According to SBI the rent paid by it works out to Rs. 8.50 per sq. ft. covered area whereas the available premises in the commercial area of Saket were offered at Rs. 9 or Rs. 10 per sq. ft.

(c) SBI has reported that no case in respect of Saket Branch is pending at District Court of Delhi for misuse of residential area.

(d) and (e) Some Hon'ble Members had raised the question of hiring of premises by SBI for their Saket Branch. On the basis of facts furnished by SBI, leasing of Saket premises was found in order.

Fire Fighting equipments in PVC/Small Scale Industries in the capital

3845. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a great danger to the life and property of the people due to the non-installation of fire fighting equipments in the PVC/small scale/household industries in the Capital particularly in Tri Nagar, Uttam Nagar and its adjoining areas ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these industries have not so far obtained 'No Objection Certificates' from Delhi Fire Service ;

(c) whether Factory Licensing Department of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi has ever taken any action in this regard and if not, what are the reasons therefor ; and

(d) whether Government propose to inquire into the matter and issue orders for the installation of fire fighting equipment by all the small scale household PVC industries in those area and if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Decline in Export of Tobacco to China

3846. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that export of tobacco to China has been changed to 'Documents on Acceptance' from that of 'Documents on Presentation' for the last half a decade ;

(b) what quantity of F.C.V. tobacco was exported to China during the last five years' year-wise; and

(c) whether there is any decline in the export of tobacco in recent years; and if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH) : (a) The exports of tobacco to China have been permitted in August, 1987, on Documents against Acceptance terms with time stipulation of 30 days, within which collection would be made after discharge of Cargo at the port of destination.

(b) The quantity of tobacco exported to China during the last five years as reported by the Tobacco Board is :—

Year	(In tons)
1983-84	200
1984-85	—
1985-86	—
1986-87	698
1987-88	432 (Provisional)

(c) Yes, Sir. The reasons for decline in the exports of tobacco are the worldwide slowing down of demand.

Nationalisation of Private Banks

3847. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to nationalise the existing private banks ; and

(b) what are the details of deposits in these private banks at present ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) At present there are 29 Indian Scheduled Commercial Banks in the Private Sector. Their total deposits (other than from banks) as on 25th December, 1987, as reported by the Reserve Bank of India, aggregated to Rs. 5,382.73 crores.

Minor Irrigation schemes from Gujarat pending clearance

3848. SHRI VITHAL BHAI M. PATEL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 73 minor irrigation schemes in Adivasi areas in Gujarat are pending for clearance ;

(b) what are the reasons for not clearing the above irrigation schemes; and

(c) by when Government will clear the above schemes ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) No, Sir. Only 40 proposals relating to minor irrigation schemes in Gujarat State are awaiting final decision under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(b) In 39 cases, final decision could not be taken for want of complete information. One proposal is in the final stage of processing.

(c) Decision can be taken on the 39 proposals only on receipt of complete information from the State Government. Decision on the remaining one proposal will be taken soon.

Tackling of Industrial Sickness by Banks

3849. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently asked the commercial banks to set up zonal and Regional level forums for continued interaction between the State Governments and financial institutions to tackle the problems of industrial sickness ; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by the banks in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that no directions have been issued by it to commercial banks to set up Zonal and Regional level forums for continued interaction between the State Government and Financial Institutions to tackle the problem of industrial sickness. However, RBI has advised banks to set up nodal points at a level below Head Office/ Circle Office to attend to various problems relating to sick/weak units including units coming under the purview of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 and cases of incipient sickness. This cell would also attend to coordination matters between the banks and financial institutions. State Government representatives are also invited to participate in joint meetings which are convened to evolve rehabilitation packages involving reliefs/ concessions from the State Government.